

REMARKS

Claims 1-29 are currently pending in the application. Claims 1-2 and 15-16 have been amended. Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter has been added. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 1-29 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The Office Action states that the claim(s) contain subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention. Applicant respectfully disagrees. However, in response, Applicant has amended the claims 1 and 15 in an effort to address the rejection. Applicant respectfully requests that the § 112 rejection be withdrawn and submits that claims 1 and 15 are in condition for allowance.

Dependent claims 2-14 depend from and further restrict independent claim 1 in a patentable sense. Dependent claims 16-29 depend from and further restrict independent claim 15 in a patentable sense. Applicant respectfully submits that dependent claims 2-14 and 16-29 are in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the rejection of dependent claims 2-14 and 16-29 is respectfully requested.

In view of the above, each of the presently-pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

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